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Child Death, Near Death, Stillbirth Commission/Child Protection
Accountability Joint Commission
Safe Sleeping Practices Subcommittee
March 28, 2007

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees	Theresa Johnston, Marjorie Hershberger, Linda Hawthorne, Patti Quinn, Anne Pedrick, and Joan Kelley	
	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Opening Comments	Introductions were conducted since there were new attendees to this subcommittee.	
Office of Child Care Licensing	Patti Quinn, the OCCL Administrator, gave an overview of the methodology that OCCL utilizes to educate childcare providers. During Orientation for new providers, each individual receives brochures regarding safe sleeping. In addition, the new center regulations specifically adhere to the Safe Sleeping guidelines as stated by the American Academy of Pediatrics. OCCL drafted a position paper outlining the regulations due to complaints from the community who wanted their children to have a specific stuffed toy or blanket at the daycare. Wesley college also offers teaching modules to different centers on safe sleeping practices. This has been provided by funding through DHSS. The family center rules will have the same standards embedded in their regulations.	
Community Action Team (CAT) Chart	<p>In regards to the website, Anne Pedrick will reach out to Linda Hawthorne and Barb Akenhead when developing the Safe Sleeping practice portion of the CDNDSC website.</p> <p>Upon discussion of # 3, Marj suggested that a starting point would be to contact Dr. Steve Dowshen from Kids Health. It was questioned whether he could come speak to this committee at a future meeting.</p> <p>One of the hot topics that should be incorporated into # 3 is the co-bedding of multiples. There is very little information on the internet against this practice. Multiples are co-bedded in the NICU at Christiana. Theresa Johnston presented the information on what other states undertake for SIDS prevention and safe sleeping guidelines. Every hospital has a SIDS program and many utilize a brochure or video.</p>	<p>Anne will make modifications to the CAT chart.</p> <p>Marj will contact Dr. Dowshen.</p>

	<p>Healthy Beginnings, a program through Public Health, was briefly discussed. Many members of the subcommittee had not heard of this initiative.</p>	<p>Joan will research Healthy Beginnings and will bring this information to the next meeting.</p>
	<p>It was decided that #4 would be taken to the DHMIC CAT (Education and Prevention).</p>	<p>FIMR staff will bring this issue to the DHMIC CAT.</p>
	<p>Anne Pedrick discussed some information that she learned in regards to the cribs for Kids program (#5). An epidemiologist from the Medical Examiner's office in Pittsburgh will be releasing outcome research that she (Judy Bannon) conducted on the Cribs for Kids program. 100 sites in 32 states currently use Cribs for Kids. The manufacturer for Graco has placed a non-removable label on the pack/play so that mothers may not return the crib to a local store for money.</p>	<p>This subcommittee would like Public Health to provide more information on crib availability.</p>
DE SIDS Affiliate Grant	<p>Upon discussion of the CJ Foundation Grant, Linda Hawthorne stated that the DE SIDS affiliate would be willing to sponsor a media campaign utilizing DART bus billboards as a prevention tool. This was an exciting partnership since the CJ Foundation did not accept a previous grant submitted by Marj Hershberger.</p>	<p>Marj will work with Linda on this grant process.</p>
<u>Next Meeting</u>	<p>April 25, 2007 at 5:00 -6:00 p.m. at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, Room 1F-16.</p>	<p>Marj will reserve a room.</p>

Respectfully submitted by: Anne Pedrick